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State's biggest star you've never heard of

Popular Milwaukee Wave forward Ian Bennett poses for photos with fans after a recent game at the UW-Milwaukee Panther Arena. PHOTOS BY DAVE KALLMANN / MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

Ian Bennett lights up field in nine seasons for Milwaukee Wave soccer

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He's the face of his franchise and a star in his league.

He's a promoter. A dreamer. An entrepreneur. He's an inspiration, or at least that's his goal.

Yet despite his talents and efforts in Milwaukee for nearly a decade, Ian Bennett remains an unknown to the average Wisconsin sports fan.

He plays indoor soccer for the Milwaukee Wave, a team that draws a fraction of the audience and attention that Wisconsin's other pro and college teams do, and makes about as much in a season as Milwaukee Bucks star Giannis Antetokounmpo does in three minutes on the court.

But Bennett is an entertainer in a sport that needs entertainment. He has a big heart, a broad smile and boundless energy. And although it took him some time to find Wisconsin — Bennett is a Canadian of Caribbean descent — he loves it here.

"It's not a shot at the big-name athletes, the big guys. ... But I tell people, when can you talk to, like, Aaron Rodgers?" Bennett said. "It's hard. They're just so busy. They get mobbed.

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When Ian Bennett came to the Wave he was known for his raw speed, but he has continued to hone his game over nine-plus seasons in Milwaukee.

President pushed to fire Mueller in June, reports say

Fear of public backlash changed Trump's mind

Mike James
USA TODAY

President Trump gave the order to fire the man leading the investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 election, but he backed down after the top White House counsel told him the firing would wreck public confidence in the presidency, the New York Times and Washington Post reported Thursday.

The revelation is the first hint that Trump, hounded by special counsel Robert S. Mueller III's probe into the Russian contacts fiasco, took steps to have him removed. Such a firing would have set the probe back months, and possibly could have silenced it altogether.

Reaction has already been vitriolic, particularly among Democrats. U.S. Sen. Mark R. Warner, D-Va., vice chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, called for a bipartisan rebuke of the president's actions.

"I've said it before, and I am saying it again: Firing the Special Counsel is a red line that the president cannot cross," Warner said in a statement Thursday night. "Any attempt to remove the Spe-

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Trump plan offers 'Dreamers' a path to citizenship

Proposal calls for $25B for border wall

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WASHINGTON – A White House proposal on immigration will contain a path to citizenship for up to 1.8 million young people brought into the United States as children as part of a package that also includes $25 billion for a border wall and other security measures.

President Donald Trump's plan would also include a massive cut in family-based immigration and the end to a diversity visa lottery system that gives preferences to immigrants from underrepresented countries, according to a White House briefing for congressional staff hosted by Stephen Miller, Trump's

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Judge orders landlord Rezny to stay in state

Plaintiffs are concerned travels will use up money before lawsuit is finished

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By combining social media with a seldom-used Wisconsin state statute, attorneys have persuaded a judge to ban braggadocios landlord Nicholas Rezny from leaving the state without court approval.

Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Marshall Murray issued the *writ of ne exeat* — a legal concept rooted in Common Law —Tuesday after lawyers suing Rezny showed the judge Instagram posts documenting that Rezny and wife and co-defendant Emma Rezny have left the state at least 19 times since September 2016.

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Nicholas and Emma Rezny are shown in an Instagram post vacationing in Florida. COURT RECORDS

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